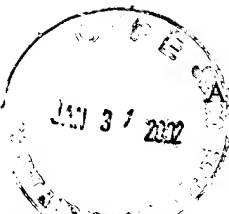


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH
SEQUENCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.821 - 1.825**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Delete the Sequence Listing filed with the application on January 21, 2000.

Insert the enclosed Substitute Sequence Listing at the end of the specification.

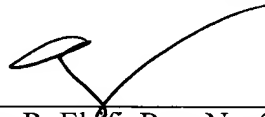
REMARKS

In response to the Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirements, mailed August 27, 2001, Applicants submit a paper copy of the substitute sequence listing, a computer readable copy of the sequence listing, and a statement in support of the computer readable format. The response is due on or before January 28, 2002 (January 27, 2002, being a Sunday).

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in this filing, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21272-006 (formerly 784).

Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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